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Our Case No. 3086/1293

BH 2079

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
ZIMMERMAN, et al. )  
Serial No. TBD ) Examiner: LILLING  
Filing Date: OCTOBER 25, 2001 ) Group Art Unit No: 1651  
For METHOD FOR SLOWING THE )  
DECOMPOSITION OF A )  
COSMETIC COMPOSITION )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment for the enclosed patent application, which is a divisional of the patent application having serial no. 09/599,235, filed on June 22, 2000.

## **AMENDMENT**

### **In The Title:**

Please replace the existing title in its entirety with -- METHOD FOR SLOWING THE DECOMPOSITION OF A COSMETIC COMPOSITION --.

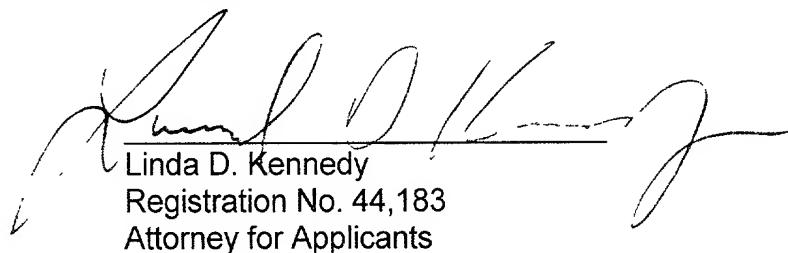
### **In The Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-12.

### **REMARKS**

Claims 13-20 are pending in this case and are ready for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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